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1. [] there were two slaughterhouses in Canton; the Tung T'i (2639/1029) Slaughterhouse, where oxen were slaughtered, and the Huang Sha (7806/3097) Slaughterhouse, where hogs were slaughtered. Formerly there had been a slaughterhouse on Ho Nan (3109/0589), Canton; but it was closed [] only about 10 oxen were slaughtered each day in Canton; but starting [] approximately 70 oxen were slaughtered daily, 50 of which were given to the government beef-trading shops, which sold most of the beef to government offices or to schools. The other 20 oxen were distributed to the 280 odd meat shops. [] the amount of beef distributed to each meat shop was according to the amount of taxes paid by the shop. After [] the distribution was according to the number of members in the shop owner's family, which included only his wife and children. The owner of the meat shop was allowed 15 catties of beef, and he also was allowed five catties for his wife and four catties for each child. [] meat was distributed only three times during the month, but [] meat was distributed to the shops ten times each month. This distribution meant that each meat shop could engage in selling beef only ten days during a month. 25X1
2. [] the distribution price and the selling price of beef per catty were as follows: 25X1

<u>Item</u>	<u>Distribution Price</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>
Beef	JMP 7,500	JMP 9,000 ¹
Beef loins	4,800	5,800
Internal organs	2,000	4,000
Tongue and liver	3,800	8,000 25X1

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3. Because the meat shops engaged in selling beef only a few days in the month, the workers hired were paid daily wages rather than monthly ones. The wage for a clerk was JMP 15,000 per day, and the wage for a janitor was JMP 10,000 per day. Each shop paid JMP 50,000 out of every 1,000,000 made in its business to the government as business tax. This tax could be paid all at one time each month or paid each day to the tax collection office, which was located inside the market.
4. The Chinese Communist authorities distributed two slaughtered oxen to be sold to Moslem believers to the Kuang T'a (0342/1044) Temple each month. It was stipulated that if this beef was not sold before noon of the day received, it was to be distributed to two Moslem restaurants, the Sheng Chi (0524/6068) Restaurant, Kuang T'a (0342/1044) Road, Canton, and the Yun Chi (7189/6068) Restaurant, Hsiao Pei (1420/0554) Road, Canton. [redacted] the Kuang T'a Temple had made a large profit, approximately JMP 40,000,000 by selling beef. This money, however, had to be deposited in the People's Bank; and the temple was not allowed to use it.
5. Of the 380-odd meat shops in Canton, 28 meat shops were run by Moslems; but only 12 of these shops were clearly marked to show that they were Moslem meat shops. Four of these Moslem meat shops were in Hui Ai (1920/1947) West Road Market, five were in the Hsiao Pei Market, and three were in the Yu Shan Market.

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